

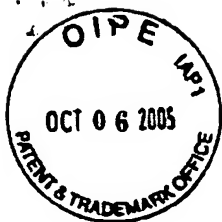
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Electronic Spread Trading  
In Real and Synthetically  
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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED AUGUST 5, 2005**

Dear Examiner Bashore,

In response to the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, the Applicant submits the following:

**Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks and Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.